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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1.-52. (Cancelled)

53. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a wireless communication device having a restricted list of contacts wherein the wireless communication device is limited to communicate with only the contacts associated with the restricted list, and wherein the restricted contact list is determined by an administrator and set by a different device.

54. The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the wireless communication device is configured to communicate using text messaging.

55. The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the text messaging comprises instant messaging.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the wireless communication device is adapted to communicate using a telephone communication media.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the different device comprises a personal computer connected to a network.

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the wireless communication device includes a transceiver to facilitate communications with contacts on the restricted list via a base station.

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59. (New) The apparatus of claim 58 wherein the base station comprises a local wireless router.

60. (New) The apparatus of claim 58 wherein the base station comprises a transceiver coupled to a personal computer.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the restricted list is maintained on a local memory of the wireless communication device.

62. (New) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the restricted list is maintained on the different device and downloaded to the wireless communication device.

63. (New) An article of manufacture comprising a tangible medium storing machine readable instructions which cause a processor-based system to:

maintain a restricted list of contacts; and

enable a wireless device to communicate over a communication media only with contacts on the restricted list.

64. (New) The article of claim 63 including instructions causing the processor-based system to:

create the restricted list of contacts based on an administrator's input; and

download the restricted list to the wireless device.

65. (New) The article of claim 63 wherein the tangible medium comprises a memory in the wireless device.

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66. (New) The article of claim 63 wherein the tangible medium comprises a memory system in a personal computer.

67. (New) The article of claim 63 wherein the communication media comprises, in part, the Internet.

68. (New) The article of claim 63 wherein the wireless device comprises a telephone.

69. (New) A wireless system comprising:
a wireless communication device;
a base station to facilitate wireless communications between the wireless communication device and a core network; and
a restricted list of contacts stored in at least one of the wireless communication device or the base station, wherein the system is adapted to restrict a user of the handheld device to communicate via the core network only with those contacts identified by the restricted list.

70. (New) The system of claim 69 wherein the base station comprises a transceiver adapted to be coupled to a personal computer.

71. (New) The system of claim 70 wherein the restricted list may be created and modified via the personal computer.

72. (New) The system of claim 69 further comprising a plurality of wireless communication devices operative to communicate with the base station, and a respective restricted list associated with each of the wireless communication devices.